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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Bellflower—Two Deputies Shot, Suspected Gunman Caught After Manhunt

(U) A man suspected of failing to stop at a DUI checkpoint and then critically wounding two Sheriff's Department deputies during a series of shootouts in Bellflower has been taken into custody, authorities announced this morning. The incident began at about 10:50 p.m. after an erratic driver knocked over cones at a DUI checkpoint and failed to stop. Three separate gunfire exchanges followed, with two officers shot during the first two exchanges. The wounded deputies are in critical but stable condition. SOURCE: 24 June 2016, [KTLA 5](#)

(U) Kern County—Firefighters Injured, Homes Destroyed in New Wildfire

(U) Three firefighters were injured in a central California wildfire that has scorched 5,000 acres of parched and rugged terrain in less than a day, destroying 80 homes and forcing the evacuation of hundreds more, fire officials said today. The Erskine Fire broke out yesterday at about 4 p.m. in the foothills of Kern County, about 42 miles northeast of Bakersfield. About 1,500 residences have been evacuated and the number of threatened homes is likely to grow, according to a fire official. The three injured responders were hospitalized for smoke inhalation.

SOURCE: 24 June 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Mississippi—Two Accused Murderers Escape from Jail, One Recaptured

(U) Raymond—Two inmates accused of murder escaped through a hole in a Mississippi jail wall yesterday morning, prompting a manhunt that led to one of the escapees being captured by late afternoon in South Jackson. A second inmate who escaped, 29-year-old Malcolm Landfair, remains at large, police said. Law enforcement officials said they consider Landfair dangerous but not armed, and believe he is still in the Jackson, Mississippi, area.

SOURCE: 24 June 2016, [CNN](#)

(U) New York—Police Find Heroin/Fentanyl Mill Behind Candy Shop's Secret Door

(U) New York—Police say they have uncovered a massive heroin-selling operation behind a secret door that was disguised as a shelf at a New York City candy shop. Police say State Finance Department officers discovered the door at the Gates Candy & Grocery store in Brooklyn on 22 June during an inspection for untaxed cigarettes. Police raided the store yesterday and say they found bags of suspected heroin and barrels full of suspected fentanyl. Two New York men face drug trafficking charges in connection with the operation.

SOURCE: 24 June 2016, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Utah—Militia Leader Planned to Bomb US-Owned Cabin

(U) Salt Lake City—A Utah militia group leader with ties to Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy has been arrested and charged with attempting to blow up a rural, federally-owned cabin in Arizona, federal authorities said yesterday. William Keebler, leader of the Patriots Defense Force in Stockton, Utah, was

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arrested after travelling to the Arizona cabin on 21 June with militia members and undercover FBI employees and placing an inactive explosive against its door. Keebler was arrested in Utah the following morning and could face up to 20 years in prison for the explosives charge.

SOURCE: 23 June 2016, [Associated Press](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Morocco—Authorities Arrest 10 in Suspected Militant Cell**

(U) Rabat—Morocco said yesterday that it had dismantled a suspected militant cell inspired by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) and that it had arrested 10 men who were planning attacks in the North African kingdom. The interior ministry said in a statement that the cell was operating in the eastern city of Oujda, and the town of Tendirara in the same region bordering Algeria. This was the latest in a series of extremists groups that Morocco has said it has broken up.

SOURCE: 23 June 2016, [Reuters](#)

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